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SUBJECT: ANTONIO GUZMAN'S REQUEST FOR A MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT

REFS: A) STATE 144075; B) SANTO DOMINGO 3019

- 1. TO THE EXTENT THAT THERE ARE PRECEDENTS FOR A MEETING BY A PRESIDENT-ELECT WITH THE PRESIDENT AND THAT SUCH A MEETING COULD BE CHARACTERIZED AS A COURTESY CALL BY GUZMAN ON THE PRESIDENT MADE IN THE COURSE OF HIS VISIT TO THE U.S. FOR OTHER PURPOSES, EMBASSY BELIEVES SUCH A MEETING WOULD BE USEFUL.
- 2. MOST APPROPRIATE TIMING FOR SUCH A VISIT WOULD BE IN MID OR LATE JULY, AFTER GUZMAN'S ELECTORAL VICTORY IS OFFICIALLY CERTIFIED BY THE CENTRAL ELECTORAL BOARD (WHICH IS STILL CONSIDERING REFORMIST PARTY ELECTORAL CHALLENGES) AND PREFERABLY AFTER HE IS FORMALLY PROCLAIMED PRESIDENT-ELECT BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.
- 3. EMBASSY ENVISIONS SIMPLE SCENARIO IN KEEPING WITH TYPE OF MEETING INDICATED IN PARA 1 ABOVE. SUGGEST THAT IG BE DESIGNED AS AN INFORMAL, BRIEF (ABOUT 10 MINUTES) COURTESY CALL, PROVIDING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE TWO LEADERS TO MAKE EACH OTHERS' PERSONAL CONFIDENTIAL

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ACQUAINTANCE, BUT WITHOUT DISCUSSION OF SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES. THIS WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PHOTOGRAPHS.

4. EMBASSY BELIEVES VISIT BY GUZMAN FOR MEETINGS WITH OTHER HIGH USG OFFICIALS AND PRIVATE AMERICANS WOULD BE USEFUL WHETHER OR NOT APPOINTMENT WITH THE

PRESIDENT IS ARRANGED. THERE IS SOME QUESTION, HOWEVER,
WHETHER GUZMAN WOULD BE WILLING TO MAKE A U.S. VISIT
WITHOUT A CALL ON THE PRESIDENT, AS WE INDICATED IN REF. B.
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